

Hyde County Hotline, Inc.

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Human Trafficking is Modern-Day Slavery

Human Trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery, widespread throughout the United States today. Trafficking of humans is the fastest growing and second largest criminal industry in the world after drug dealing.

What is Human Trafficking?

Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age.

Note: Any child engaged in commercial sex is a victim of trafficking.

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery. (Source: National Institute of Justice)

Human Trafficking in North Carolina

The prevalence of human trafficking in North Carolina is due to many factors, including the major highways that run through our state (40, 85, and 95), a large, transient military population surrounded by sexually oriented businesses, numerous rural agricultural areas with a high demand for cheap labor, and an increasing number of gangs.

According to the [National Human Trafficking Hotline](#), in 2017, North Carolina had 221 reported human trafficking cases. This statistic puts North Carolina 8th among all 50 states, in terms of the number of reported human trafficking cases.

(Source: North Carolina Department of Administration.)

Understanding Human Trafficking:

Force, fraud and coercion are the methods used by traffickers to press victims into lives of servitude and abuse:

- **Force-** Rape, beatings, confinement
- **Fraud** – False offers of employment, marriage, better life
- **Coercion-** Threats, debt-bondage, psychological abuse, confiscation of identification and legal documents.

Many victims of trafficking are made to engage in prostitution, pornography or exotic dancing, but trafficking also occurs in forms of labor exploitation, such as domestic servitude or restaurant work, sweatshop factory work or migrant agricultural work.

Victims can be found in a wide variety of jobs which may include:

- Commercial Sex
- Domestic Situations (Nannies or Servants)
- Construction
- Farming
- Hotels or Tourist Industries
- Pan Handling
- Restaurant Services
- Fisheries
- Massage Parlors
- Landscaping

If you or someone you know is being trafficked you can get help by calling the

National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1 (888) 373-7888 or Text 233733

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Recognizing potential red flags and knowing the indicators of human trafficking is a key step in identifying more victims and helping them find the assistance they need.

Common Work and Living Conditions:

- Is not free to leave or come and go at will
- Is under 18 and is providing commercial sex acts
- Is unpaid, paid very little, or paid only through tips
- Works excessively long and/or unusual hours
- Is not allowed breaks or suffers under unusual restrictions at work
- Owes a large debt and is unable to pay it off
- Was recruited through false promises concerning the nature and conditions of his/her work
- High security measures exist in the work and/or living locations (e.g. opaque windows, boarded up windows, bars on windows, barbed wire, security cameras, etc.)
- Is living and working on site
- Experiences verbal or physical abuse by their supervisor

Poor Mental Health or Abnormal Behavior

- Is fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid
- Exhibits unusually fearful or anxious behavior after bringing up law enforcement or immigration officials
- Shows signs of substance use or addiction

Poor Physical Health:

- Shows signs of poor hygiene, malnourishment, and/or fatigue
- Shows signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture

Lack of Control:

- Has few or no personal belongings
- Is not allowed to speak for themselves (A third party may insist on being present and/or translating.)
- Is not in control of their own money, financial records, or bank account
- Is not in control of their own identification documents
- Cannot come and go freely without approval or permission from someone else

This list represents only a small selection of possible indicators. The red flags in this list may not be present in all trafficking cases.
(Source U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)

Anyone Can Join in the Fight Against Human Trafficking

Here are just a few ideas to consider:

- Learn the indicators of human trafficking so you can help identify a potential trafficking victim.
- Volunteer and support anti-trafficking efforts in your community.
- Join your local rapid response team.
- Host a film night sharing documentaries and anti-trafficking films.
- Host a fundraiser and donate the proceeds to the local anti-trafficking agency.
- Organize your church, business, civic group or school to host educational events to build awareness and show your support for victims of human trafficking.

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SPEAK UP FOR THOSE WHO CAN NOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES!

Love in Action

the Bible tells us how we can help victims of trafficking and abuse in [Isaiah 61:1-3](#):

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor.

Trafficking victims (including child trafficking victims) suffer great injury from horrible abuses, but we can help. Take action! Show love and compassion! Help them find the help they need to begin a journey of healing and freedom.

North East Coastal Regional Rapid Response Team

This community can labor to fight against human trafficking by working together to assist victims who are living in the oppression of trafficking.

Hyde County Hotline has worked hard to form a Regional Rapid Response Team for victims of human trafficking. This team is comprised of agencies from Hyde, Tyrrell, and Beaufort Counties.

The mission of the North East Coastal Regional Response Team is to identify and connect recently liberated victims to needed services in the community as quickly and efficiently as possible with an emphasis on service provision during the first 72 hours after identification.

Each county will develop a local team to assist victims immediately. These county teams will only be successful with the collaborative efforts of our communities. We are asking local service providers to partner with us to assist human trafficking victims and help them get the resources they need to get to safety and begin living a life free from the bondage of trafficking. If you are a service provider in Hyde County and would like to learn more about our rapid response team or would like to attend a training provided by this team please give us a call in our office at 252-925-2502.

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Hyde County Hotline's Mission:

The purpose of Hyde County Hotline, Inc. is to work to eliminate domestic abuse, sexual victimization, and human trafficking and provide safe shelter in Hyde County, North Carolina through the collaborative efforts of a compassionate community. We promote dignity, respect and safety at home resulting in safer communities.

What We Do:

- Crisis Intervention
- Domestic Violence, Sexual Victimization & Human Trafficking Advocacy
- Survivor Services
- Safe Shelter
- Safety Planning
- Support Groups and Referrals
- Program Presentations for Adults & Children in Churches, Businesses and Schools
- Referrals

How You Can Help:

- Ask Us About Community Presentations
 - Tell Others About Us
 - Become a Crisis Line Volunteer
 - Donate to Our Thrift Store
 - Ask For a Copy of Our Shelter Needs List
 - Monetary Donations are Accepted
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Warning Signs of Domestic Violence (Resource: The National Domestic Violence Hotline)

It's not always easy to tell at the beginning of a relationship if it will become abusive.

In fact, many abusive partners may seem absolutely perfect in the early stages of a relationship. Possessive and controlling behaviors don't always appear overnight, but rather emerge and intensify as the relationship grows.

Domestic violence doesn't look the same in every relationship because every relationship is different. But one thing most abusive relationships have in common is that the abusive partner does many different kinds of things to have more power and control over their partner.

Some of the signs of an abusive relationship include a partner who:

- Tells you that you can never do anything right
- Shows extreme jealousy of your friends and time spent away
- Keeps you or discourages you from seeing friends or family members
- Insults, demeans or shames you with put-downs
- Controls every penny spent in the household
- Takes your money or refuses to give you money for necessary expenses
- Looks at you or acts in ways that scare you
- Controls who you see, where you go, or what you do
- Prevents you from making your own decisions

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- Tells you that you are a bad parent or threatens to harm or take away your children
- Prevents you from working or attending school
- Destroys your property or threatens to hurt or kill your pets
- Intimidates you with guns, knives or other weapons
- Pressures you to have sex when you don't want to or do things sexually you're not comfortable with
- Pressures you to use drugs or alcohol

Experiencing even one or two of these behaviors in a relationship is a red flag that abuse may be present. Remember, each type of abuse is serious, and no one deserves to experience abuse of any kind, for any reason. If you have concerns about what's happening in your relationship, contact us on our

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We are here to support you!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who joined us for our recent Crisis Line Training. We appreciate you and are looking forward to working with you to assist the victims of abuse that we serve. We would also like to thank the Hyde County Health Department and Mobile Crisis for coming out and sharing about the great work they do for those that are in crisis in our communities and also the services available at each of their agencies.

THANK YOU
Volunteers!
We couldn't do it without you

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